

A street scene in Amsterdam, Netherlands, featuring traditional multi-story brick buildings with gabled roofs, a canal with a boat, and bicycles parked along the sidewalk.

NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM

ATTRACTIONS

The Heineken Experience: It is a great place whether you love beer or not. It is a total experience. You get a tour and then 2 free beers.

Coffee Shops: Bulldogs and Grasshoppers are the big ones. Walk through the "nine streets" and find a trendy one.

Rijksmuseum

FOOD

Stroopwafel: This is a pastry made from two thin layers of baked dough with caramel syrup filling in the middle. The

Pancake Bakery: Delicious crepes.

Wok to Walk: Located all over the city; it is a stir fry fast casual eatery.

The Avocado Show

DAY TRIP

Zaanse Schans/Volendam: Take a day trip to Zaanse Schans/Volendam to see the windmills, wheels of cheese and wooden shoes be made. It is a country experience!

JEWISH ACTIVITIES

Amsterdam is home to a large and active Jewish community, including an active Jewish student community. It's easy to find your place within the many programs offered by the Chabad on Campus, many synagogues, and the local Jewish student union (IJAR). Known for its rich Jewish history, Amsterdam is also home to the Anne Frank House, the fantastic Portuguese Synagogue, and more. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Amsterdam.

AMOS: Ashkenazi Modern Orthodox shul in Amsterdam; can help with host families; weekly and holiday services; does have small group doing events for young people on occasion.

Beit Ha'Chidush: Progressive, inclusive community welcoming people with a Jewish background (paternal or maternal) regardless of gender and sexual orientation. Services at least three times per month for Shabbat and holidays.

Bendigamos: New Sephardic-style synagogue community with many students, events that may be interesting to students, social and networking opportunities, two services per month and Shabbat dinner hosting.

Dutch Union of Jewish Students (IJAR): Frequent drinks and speaker events involving the small but well-organised association of Jewish students in the Netherlands.

Jewish Historical Museum

Amsterdam Jewish Quarter

Portugese Synagogue Amsterdam/Jewish Library

Anne Frank House: Make sure to reserve tickets and a time slot at least a month in advance. Recommend going at night because it is a lot less crowded.